

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0644-01  
Bill No.: HB 315  
Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Conservation Department; Department of Transportation  
Type: Original  
Date: February 6, 2015

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Bill Summary: This proposal requires the Department of Conservation to conduct testing of deceased deer found along state highways for chronic wasting disease.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Conservation Commission	Up to (\$72,000)	Up to (\$72,000)	Up to (\$72,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>Up to (\$72,000)</b>	<b>Up to (\$72,000)</b>	<b>Up to (\$72,000)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

#### **§ 252.250 - Chronic Wasting Disease Testing:**

Officials from the **Department of Conservation (MDC)** assume an unknown fiscal impact but likely more than \$100,000 due to the need for additional resources.

MDC notes the following information regarding chronic wasting disease (CWD). MDC sends CWD samples to Colorado State University for testing at a cost to the Conservation Commission Fund of \$120 per test.

MDC deer sample drop off locations do not receive any payment for collecting tissue samples for CWD testing.

MDC has completed 43,000 CWD sample tests since 2001, an average of 3,000 to 4,000 per year.

MDC notes as of January 26, 2015, the total number of positive cases of CWD in Missouri captive and free-ranging deer now stands at 26.

Officials from the **Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** note over the six month period beginning July 1, 2014 there have been 2,995 deer found and reported along roadways by MoDOT workers.

Officials from the **Missouri State Highway Patrol (MHP)** reported the following car accident information for accidents involving deer. Deer involved crashes for 2011 totaled 3,563; for 2012 crashes totaled 3,990; for 2013 crashes totaled 3,507. MHP reported 90 deer car accidents within the current 25 square mile CWD containment zone in 2013.

**Oversight** assumes many car accidents involving deer are not reported to the MHP. This proposal would require MDC to conduct testing of deceased deer found along highways for chronic wasting disease. Based upon data provided by MoDOT the number of deer disposed of annually along roadways could be up to 6,000 or more.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

**Oversight** assumes MDC currently conducts CWD surveillance and testing on road-killed deer within the 25 mile radius CWD containment zone and throughout the state. Many testing samples are collected by non-MDC cooperators and picked up by MDC at designated drop off locations for testing.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal would increase the number of CWD samples tested by MDC. Based upon 10% of a potential 6,000 deceased deer found along highways from car accidents outside the containment zone at \$120 for each CWD test; a cost up to (\$72,000) to the Conservation Commission Fund could be expected.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

Officials from the **Department of Transportation, Missouri State Highway Patrol**, and the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Costs - MDC

§ 252.250 - Testing of deceased deer found along highways	<u>Up to (\$72,000)</u>	<u>Up to (\$72,000)</u>	<u>Up to (\$72,000)</u>
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND**

<u>Up to (\$72,000)</u>	<u>Up to (\$72,000)</u>	<u>Up to (\$72,000)</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

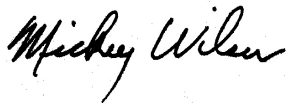
§ 252.250 - Chronic Wasting Disease Testing:

This proposal specifies that the Department of Conservation (MDC) is responsible for the removal of all dead deer found along state highways and requires MDC to establish procedures to test for chronic wasting disease in at least 10% of all deer found along state highways. Every dead deer found within 25 miles of a case of chronic wasting disease confirmed within the last calendar year must be tested. MDC is responsible for all expenses relating to the transportation, testing, and disposal of all dead deer tested under these requirements.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Conservation  
Department of Transportation  
Missouri State Highway Patrol  
Office of Secretary of State  
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

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